

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, I'd respectfully call the question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rod Johnson, Senator Hannibal. Oh, he called the question. Excuse me, I didn't get that. Called the question. I'll put it to you. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is shall debate cease. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Question is shall the debate cease on the Hartnett amendment to LB 722. Please record your vote, 25 votes required. Motion is to cease debate on the Hartnett amendment. Please record your vote. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate has ceased. Senator Hartnett, you may close.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I kind of feel like a babe in the woods, all the heavyweights of the Legislature have taken me on this morning on my simple little amendment, Senators Johnson, Warner and Vickers. I appreciate the support of Senator Higgins and Senator Sieck. But I guess my point that I made in my opening remarks is that why are we capping this particular program. I think it has grown because we have, in the Legislature I think back a few years ago when Senator Koch was in the Legislature they lowered...they leveled that schools are responsible or handicapped students, also the federal mandates and simply...going back to the remarks that Senator Warner made, this is just intent language and we'll probably not hold it there. But I think that is really a wrong message to be sending to the public schools and to the parents and children...handicapped children of this state. I think we should...if we are going to handicap...going to cap any programs we should cap them all. So I am really opposed to this action of the Appropriations Committee. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: All right. The motion is the adoption of the Hartnett amendment to LB 722. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. The motion before you is the adoption of the Hartnett amendment to 722. Please record your vote. Have you all voted? Please record your vote. No, I didn't, Senator. Thank you. A record vote has been requested. Please record your vote on the Hartnett amendment to 722.